



National Alliance on Mental Illness

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**Contra Costa
County**

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Family members, in partnership with faith communities, actually live the tragedies described by the proponents. We struggle to find treatment and housing supports for loved ones who are targeted by this Proposition.

We support exploring well thought out housing options to end homelessness but Oppose Proposition 2 because it takes Billions away from our loved ones and rewards developers, bond-holders, and bureaucrats. As of 2017, a portion of Proposition 63 money, as determined by each county with community input, MUST fund supportive housing for those suffering *severe mental illnesses*. We OPPOSE cruel and senseless skimming up to \$5.6 Billion of sorely needed treatment funds for bonds (\$140 million yearly, for forty years) and giving \$100 Million to state housing bureaucrats who don't understand the challenges of those living with *severe mental illness*.

The federal government threatens treatment funding cutbacks. Therefore, we cannot afford to sacrifice any MHSA funds to solve a problem better addressed at the county level. Reducing MHSA funds needed for treatment would be a costly mistake and contribute to:

Neglect and missing treatment resources.

Causing more individuals with *severe and persistent mental illness* to lose housing and result in even more of them being incarcerated and living on the street.

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Through stakeholder engagement, counties already know where to best acquire housing for access to critical services. Prop. 2 cuts off local input and predetermines the balance between treatment and housing needs.

Treatment prevents homelessness. Vote "No" on Proposition 2 to avoid a costly and inhumane mistake!

Section 9600 Certification: The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the primary argument against ballot proposition 2, the No Place Like Home Act of 2018, at the November 2018 election for the State of California to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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